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Box No. I Basis of the report

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 the description:

pages 1-35 as originally filed/furnished

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the claims:

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nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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the drawings:

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-66	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	50-66	YES
	Claims	1-49	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-66	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D2: US2002/0024822

D3: US2003/0063466

2.1 It is pointed out that the following feature of claim 1 is regarded as entirely optional: **"in particular for a headlight with a Fresnel lens "**.

2.2 Claim 1 further includes the following feature:

and in which, with the change in shape of the light incident upon the optical assembly and/or with the change in size of the light illuminating the optical assembly, the aperture angle of the light exiting the optical assembly can be adjusted between two limit values, one lower value α_{sp} and one higher value α_{F1} .

In all optical assemblies, the shape of the light incident upon the optical assembly can be changed in such a way that a corresponding change in the aperture angle of the light exiting the optical

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	<p>assembly results, and thus "the aperture angle of the light exiting the optical assembly can be adjusted between two limit values, one lower value α_{sp} and one higher value α_{F1}". Consequently, it can be assumed that all optical assemblies include the above-mentioned feature, and hence this feature does not constitute a specific restriction.</p> <p>2.3 For the purposes of assessment of novelty and inventive step, the features mentioned in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 are therefore not taken into consideration.</p> <p>2.4 Consequently, the present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel (PCT Article 33(2)). Document D2 discloses (cf. paragraphs [0033]-[0035], and figures 3A-3C) an optical assembly for technical lighting purposes and including a Fresnel lens with a scattering disk (cf. paragraphs [0033]-[0035]), in which the scattering disk is arranged in a first zone and the Fresnel lens in a second zone, and the first and second zones occupy concentric surfaces with different diameters (cf. 3A-3C). The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore not novel.</p> <p>3. Dependent claims 2-49 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements in light of</p>

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document D2.

4.1 The subject matter of claim 50 does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 6 because the contents of the application (cf. figures 10, 11, 13 and 14, and the corresponding text) indicate that the following features are necessary for the definition of a headlight according to the invention:

- (a) the reflector (31) includes a focal point away from the reflector;
- (b) the Fresnel lens has either a real focal point (claim 52) or a virtual focal point (claim 55);
- (c) in a spot position, the distance (a) between the Fresnel lens (33) and the front edge of the reflector (31) is such that the real or virtual focal point is superimposed on the reflector focal point away from the reflector;
- (d) in a flood position, the distance (a) between the Fresnel lens (33) and the front edge of the reflector (31) is such that a high light proportion hits only a very small zone at the centre of the scattering disk (37) (pages 27, 40-42; figures 11, 14);
- (e) the Fresnel lens headlight should be a Fresnel lens headlight with "an optical assembly as per one of the claims 1-49" (and not "*in particular* a Fresnel lens with a scattering disk as per one of the claims 1-

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49").

Since claim 1 is not admissible for lack of novelty, claim 50 must be regarded as a new independent claim. Consequently, claim 50, which does not contain the above-mentioned features, does not meet the requirement of PCT Article 6 in conjunction with PCT Rule 6.3(b), according to which each independent claim must contain all the technical features that are necessary for the definition of the invention. (In addition, it is pointed out that claim 50 in its present form is not novel over D3).

4.2 For the purposes of assessment of novelty and inventive step, claim 50 was interpreted as if it included features (a)-(e) mentioned in paragraph 4.1. This interpretation makes it possible to overcome the objection under PCT Article 6.

5.1 Claim 50, *interpreted in this sense*, appears to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) for the following reasons:

Document D3 is regarded as the prior art closest to claim 50 (cf. figures 1, 2 and corresponding text). The assemblies in document D3 may have one or two surfaces of the Fresnel lens textured so as to scatter light (i.e. like a scattering disk). Consequently, the subject matter of claim 50, interpreted in the above-mentioned sense, differs from document D3 by the following features:

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- the scattering disk is arranged in a first zone (of the optical assembly) and the Fresnel lens is arranged in a second zone (of the optical assembly), and the first and second zones occupy concentric surfaces having different diameters;
- in a flood position, the distance (a) between the Fresnel lens (33) and the front edge of the reflector (31) is such that a high light proportion hits only a very small zone at the centre of the scattering disk (37) (pages 27, 40-42; figures 11, 14).

In comparison with D3, the present invention can be considered to address the problem of improving light distribution in the flood position.

5.2 This combination of features was not found in the available prior art. Even if it were possible to arrange the Fresnel lens headlight of D3 in such a way that in a flood position a very high light proportion hits only a very small zone of the optical assembly, this small zone must not necessarily contain part of the scattering disk. A person skilled in the art would find no indication or suggestion in the prior art which could lead him to implement these features. Consequently, the solution proposed in claim 50 of the present application (interpreted in the above-mentioned sense) can be considered inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

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6.1	Independent claim 65 describes a use of a headlight with a Fresnel lens as per claim 1, and therefore involves an inventive step, for the reasons indicated in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2, <i>mutatis mutandis</i> .
6.2	Claims 51-64 and 66 are dependent on claim 50 and thus also meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.